

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

NIO # 1447/76

National Intelligence Officers

10 SEP 1976

Mr. Sherman Kent



Dear Mr. Kent:

As you know, the Director of Central Intelligence has agreed to conduct an experimental project in competitive analysis. The project, undertaken at the suggestion of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, is concerned with NIE 11-3/8-76.

One group of scholars from outside the intelligence community is addressing the question of Soviet Strategic Policies and Objectives. Dr. Richard E. Pipes of Harvard University is directing the efforts of this group. Dr. Pipes and the other members of the project are inviting a number of experts in various fields to brief them on selected topics and hope that you will be available to brief on the NIE process.

Briefings are being scheduled for 15, 16, 17 September at 10 A.M., 1 P.M. and 3 P.M. If you are available to brief this group, will you please indicate your preferences for time and date. First, second, and third choices would be appreciated.

Briefings may be conducted at the all source level. Dr. Pipes has requested that briefings be limited to not more than 30 minutes with one hour for discussion and questions.

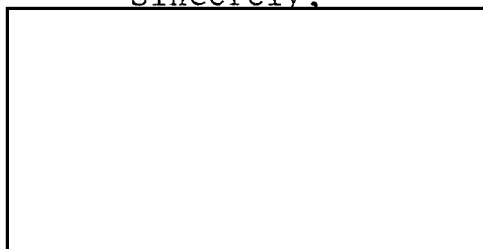


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If you require more information you may contact me at [redacted] You may also call me at this number to indicate your preferences for the date and time of your briefing.

Sincerely,



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Attachments:

1. Memo for the NFIB dated 23 June 1976
from the Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence
2. Letter from the Chairman, PFIAB to the DCI, dated
8 June 1976

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